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NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 440

Introduced by Howard, 9

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank LaMere, an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe from South Sioux City, Nebraska, remains a tireless social and political activist for the rights of Native American people; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaMere has long been involved in efforts to encourage and empower Native American people to take their place in the political process and exercise their right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaMere was nicknamed the Grandfather of the White Clay issue when he first brought concerns about the conflicts between native people and community members in the area to the public's attention in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaMere established the Four Directions

Committees in states where the Native American vote was key in

2002 and played a key role in the Native Vote Project in South

Dakota in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaMere has led Native American delegations to the last five Democratic national conventions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaMere continues to advocate for protection of Native American burial sites and sacred lands in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaMere continues to work to strengthen enforcement of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

- 1. That the Nebraska Legislature recognizes and honors the achievements of Frank LaMere.
- 2. That the Clerk of the Legislature send a copy of this resolution to Mr. LaMere.